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NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT ! Big Scores(Scantling 6020) the Order of the Day

Hello Again....During the first 59 days of the 2016 indoor CE season US and collegiate heptathletes put 41 5000+ scores in the record book. In just the past two days they added another 50!

The major news came from Seattle Fayetteville, Cedar Falls and University Park. At the Razorback Invt. last year's NCAA runner-up Garrett Scantling/Georgia was in mid-season form scoring 6020 and leading four others over 5600 points. Outdoor champ Maicel Uibo placed 2nd at 5854 while teammate Devon Williams was the victim a a vault 'nh, but nevertheless managed 4990 points. Eleven left Arkansas with 5k+ credentials. In Cedar Falls Wisconsin's returning 'Double Z' Zach Ziemek cruised to a 5801 total despite modest marks in the long jump, high jump and hurdles. But his 5.30m/17-4½ vault clearance put the meet away.

The University of Washington affair in Seattle was relatively close for 5 events but a 5.30m/17-4½ effort by Arizona's Pau Tonneson was 6 bars better than that of ex-NCAA indoor champ Miller Moss/Chula Vista OTC. That was most of the difference and Tonneson prevailed 5972 to 5680. At Penn State Stanford's Harrison Williams came from 100 points down to nip Cornell's surprising Austin Jamerson, 5690 to 5654. With so many scores in excess of 5600 (ten this weekend alone!) one must wonder what the 16 man cutoff will be for national collegiate entry. In the recent past a 56+ effort scored at the national meet. So dramatic has

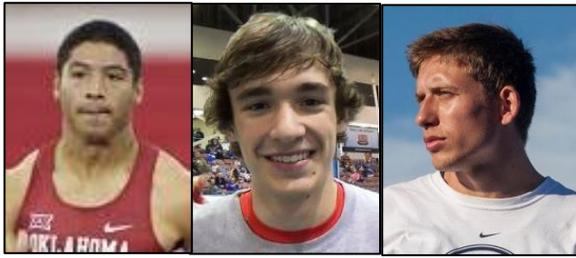


Wisconsin's returning 'Double Z' Zach Ziemek won handily in Cedar Falls notching a 5801 score.

the interest and improvement been that it is possible that it may take a 5700 score just to get in. remarkable since a number of notable collegians have yet the lace them up. The collegiate champs season could be cold-hearted to many who own 5600+ credentials. 5464 is already #16 on the qualifying list and we are just halfway thru the season.



Garrett Scantling/Georgia had the weekend's top score, a 6020 total at Fayetteville's Razorback Invitational.



A trio who put up significant weekend heptathlon totals were: (l-r): Thomas Cheval/Oklahoma, Harrison Williams/Stanford and Pau Tonneson/Arizona.

The same phenomenon is occurring at the D-II level as 3 newcomers displayed notable totals. For example Tor'i Brooks/ Grand Valley State (Saginaw, MI) a 3x NAIA high jump winner (PR 2.20m/7-2¼) tried CEs for the first time and came away with a 3rd place 5046 at SVSU Jets Pizza meet. Azusa Pacific rolled out Jamaican leaper Shakiel Chattoo '19 whose 5365 runner-up total in Golden, CO raised eyebrows. And Frenchman Theo Mancheron of Tiffin posted a 5240 win at the Findlay Multis.

Several vets, looking for a USA qualifier (5450), were active. Miller Moss notched a nifty 5680 total in Seattle. Comebacking Wesley Bray, the 2014 USA outdoor runner-up and Thorpe Cup winner, returned to the wars with a 5334 victory in Houston. Dillon Schrodt/ex Neb-Kearney (who has a 5443 score for '15), won with 5409 at Colorado Mines. Ex D-III champ Richard Roethel won at Liberty (5173) with a sub-par high jump.

In all there were 25 meets, and the season is just heating up. Hold onto your hats as next week the focus will be on major meets in Akron, Lincoln, Warrensville, Pullman, Pocatello, Albuquerque, Geneva and Santa Barbara. Wow!

Eaton Active

Tuning up to defend his IAAF World indoor title Ashton Eaton has scheduled a trio of indoor meets. On Friday-Saturday (29-30) at Winston-Salem's Camel City Invt (at JDL Fast Track), he paraded the following marks

1/29	60m p	(1)	6.82
1/30	shot put		14.23m/46-8½
	60H p	(1)	7.70
	60H f	(4)	7.77

